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The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We are posting photo challenges at www.facebook.com/wabashpd and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplaindealer.com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClassof2020 to participate.

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Gov. Holcomb announces stages of reopening plan

Beginning Monday, May 4, nearly all of Indiana moved to stage 2. In Stage 2 to protect the most vulnerable to COVID-19, Hoosiers 65 and over and those with high-risk health conditions – who are the most vulnerable to the coronavirus – should remain at home. Essential travel restrictions are lifted, and social gatherings of up to 25 people will be permitted following the CDC's social distancing guidelines. The remaining manufacturers, industrial and other infrastructure operations that had not been considered essential may open. Hoosiers who can work from home are encouraged to continue to do so. Retail and commercial businesses may

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County has second COVID-19 death

Dozen local virus cases added over the weekend, making total 63

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Sunday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported the second death attributed to COVID-19 in Wabash County.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Keith A. Walters, Wabash County Emergency Management Agency director, confirmed

the death soon after.

As of Monday, the local case count sat at 63, with 236 tests having been conducted. That's up from Sunday when the local case count was at 60, with 230 tests having been conducted. On Saturday, the ISDH reported 55 local cases and 212 tests. On Friday, the ISDH announced an additional nine positive COVID-19 cases in Wabash County, bringing the local total to 51.

The number of local cases has more than quadrupled from where it was a week before that. Wabash County's number of positive cases

nearly doubled from 12 on Friday, April 24, to 28 by the end of Monday, April 27. On Wednesday, April 29, the ISDH added 10 additional cases to Wabash County's total number. And on Thursday, April 30, another four were added.

On Tuesday, April 21, the first COVID-19-related death in Wabash County was reported in a statement to the Plain Dealer from Walters.

Previously, Walters has stated no additional information about local cases could be reported due to privacy concerns. However, in response to a Plain Dealer

request, Walters stated that now that there had been a local death, he would "see if we have an avenue to find that information out."

Walters did not immediately respond to a subsequent request for additional information. This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

Additional drive-thru clinics offered

Several drive-thru clinics have been offered throughout the state, including one in Fort Wayne. In response to a Plain Dealer request

Tuesday, April 21, the Joint Information Center (JIC) confirmed 225 people were tested in Fort Wayne the previous day, and 882 total during the week before that. "Results are typically available within 72 hours through the online portal that individuals received access to," stated the JIC.

ISDH will offer drive-thru testing clinics this week across the state.

"The testing is open to symptomatic healthcare workers, first responders or essential workers,

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Manchester students take dance marathon online



Kaitlyn Cook is a junior from Monticello.



Provided photos

Erin Brock is a senior from Germantown, Ohio.

Goal amount of \$8K to be donated to Riley Hospital for Children

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Manchester University students invited the neighbors to come over and dance for a good cause, but COVID-19 waltzed in and shut it down. Instead of giving up, the students took it online.

Where Dreams Come True Dance Marathon to benefit Riley Hospital for Children was supposed to be Friday, April 17 on campus, but now it is on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/mu.dancemarathon/>.

"Our goal is \$8,000, and every penny we raise goes directly to the hospital," said senior Erin Brock, co-president of the event with junior Kaitlyn Cook.

To donate, go to <https://link.manchester.edu/dance>. Click the "Donate" button to give in the name of a participant or directly to the Riley Children's Foundation.

T-shirts are also available at <https://tinyurl.com/yadj7raa>. Those who get them are encouraged to tag their posts with #MUDMFTK (Manchester University Dance Marathon For The Kids).

"Many of us have family and friends who are or have been patients at Riley's. We have loved ones who have fought for their life because of illness, so we dance to celebrate them and their strength while raising money and awareness to support those who are saving their lives," Brock said. "We dance for those who can't."

The dance marathon is a natural fit for Manchester, and it is a perfect fit for its mission: to graduate "persons of ability and conviction who draw upon their education and faith to lead principled, productive, and compassionate lives that improve the human condition."

As of midday on Monday, April 27, more than \$5,300 had been raised, including \$500 from Manchester President Dave McFadden.

"During the first week of April, we had what was called 'Miracle Week,' where every day was dedicated to a certain cause or awareness efforts. In that week, we challenged President Dave to match the fundraising done by students and he agreed to match the first \$500 raised," Brock said. "Lucky for us, students, faculty, and staff managed to pull together over \$1,400 within that week, well exceeding President Dave's challenge! Therefore, by the end of the week, we had collected just over \$1,900 from the community."

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

BBB Serving Northern Indiana shares online scam alerts amid pandemic

Watch out: COVID-19-related fraud on the rise

STAFF REPORT

As most Americans are stuck at home in the wake of the Coronavirus, BBB Serving Northern Indiana is alerting online shoppers to scams that may be targeting them, according to Nichole Thomas, communications director.

"As cities across the country have begun mandating face covers in public places, the demand for N95 and N99 masks have continued to increase. Recently, the BBB Serving the Heart of Texas reported that an Austin-based company is under investigation for selling masks and not delivering them to customers, including some in Indiana. Heavezt

LLC, an online retailer, has become the focus of an investigation as BBB continues to receive consumer reports against the company. Thus far, BBB has received 16 complaints, reviews and BBB Scam Tracker reports from consumers across the country. Of the 16 consumers, 14 of them told BBB they never received their orders after paying anywhere from \$29.99 for one mask to nearly \$500 for several. The two consumers who did receive the masks informed BBB that the quality was subpar and stated the item was not the N95 mask advertised on the site," stated Thomas.

Thomas stated chances are, consumers will encounter bogus "free trial offer" scams.

"Free trial offers often use celebrity endorsement ads on social media and the internet to attract

consumers to deceptive websites that charge a small shipping and handling fee, usually \$4.99 or less, for a "free" trial of beauty or health products like skin creams or weight loss pills. The true cost of these free trials – ongoing monthly subscription plans – is buried in small print and behind links, if disclosed at all," stated Thomas. "Scammers now are using free trial offers to take advantage of the desire for streaming services. BBB has received Scam Tracker reports that scammers are using social media to offer bogus free Netflix services. To receive a fake pass, those clicking on a link may be directed to provide personal information and send the offer to friends. Scammers are likely phishing for personal and

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61 employees, 2 residents test positive for COVID-19 at Peabody

Retirement community has been proactively testing all 273 residents, and 350 employees

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Rod Craft, executive director of the Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester, stated a total of 61 employees and two residents have tested positive for COVID-19 thus far, in response to a Plain Dealer request Monday.

That's up from the most recent reports to the Plain Dealer from Craft. As of Monday, April 27, the company stated that 22 employees tested positive after "a majority" of the results have been received. Craft stated Wednesday, April 29 that a total of 46 employees have tested positive for COVID-19 by that point.

Craft stated their "proactive approach" includes following all local, regional and national guidelines, including those from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

"Out of an abundance of caution, we have chosen to proactively test our more than 350 employees and 273 residents for COVID-19. Only residents who

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Long opens City Hall, with restrictions

Mayor's order follows the start of Holcomb's reopening plan Monday

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Mayor Scott Long stated the city has now opened City Hall to all employees, according to a statement to the Plain Dealer.

Long's announcement follows Gov. Eric Holcomb's announcement Friday of the staged reopening of the state over the next few weeks.

Long's initial extension of the Wabash City Hall closure also followed the same pattern earlier last month when the mayor and governor announced the original two-week extension Monday, April 6. In a Monday, April 20 statement to the Plain Dealer, Mayor Scott Long stated

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open at 50 percent capacity. Examples include apparel, furniture, jewelry and liquor stores that have been operating as curbside or delivery only. Shopping malls can open at 50 percent capacity with indoor common areas restricted to 25 percent capacity. Restaurants and bars that serve food may open starting Monday, May 11 at 50 percent capacity, but bar seating will remain closed. Personal services such as hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors also may open Monday, May 11 by appointment only and must follow social distancing guidelines. Starting Friday, May 8, for all of the state's counties, indoor worship services may also convene, following specific social distancing guidelines – while those 65 and older and those at elevated risk will be asked to stay home. For more information, visit [BackOnTrack.in.gov](#).

Farmers market season set to begin May 16

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/ Wabash Elk's Parking Lot. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a ven-

dor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](#).

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity May 19

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Online absentee ballot applications must be completed, received by May 21

Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot for the June 2 Primary Election. To vote absentee-by-mail, voters who qualify must complete an absentee-by-mail application. These are available online at [www.IndianaVoters.com](#). Voters may also submit their request by mail, email or fax. The application must be completed and received by the county election board or the Indiana Election Division by May 21. After an application has been received, the voter will be mailed a Primary Election ballot. The voter must then complete the ballot, and return it to the county election board by noon Election Day, June 2.

Mural festival seeks local artists

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership

and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, is asking artists to apply for the Artist and Mentorship Programs as part of the 11-day mural festival scheduled for Sept. 8 to 18. Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Applications are available at [www.NElmuralfestival.com](#) and are open through the end of May.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity June 2

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day officially rescheduled

The Wabash Kiwanis Club's annual Pancake Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 6 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds. The event's Pancake Eating Contest will take place at noon. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. For sponsorship opportunities, call 260-571-1892.

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have granted consent will be tested. Proactively testing employees and residents allows us to see if there is someone who might be positive but asymptomatic. We believe early identification of the virus will help us best protect our entire community," stated Craft.

Craft stated they began proactive testing of their employees Tuesday, April 21. He stated those employees who tested positive were self-isolating at home.

"We wish them a full and rapid recovery," he stated. "The majority of our employee testing is complete, but there will be continuing tests for those who work intermittently, new hires and others. We will test those employees as necessary and continue to share any new positive results with our residents, families, employees and appropriate county health officials."

Craft stated on Wednesday, April 29, they began testing residents in their community who granted consent.

"We have communicated with residents and/or their healthcare representative about this process," he stated.

Craft stated both residents who tested positive were both asymptomatic.

"The impacted residents are in our dedicated, isolated, and contained unit for safe treatment," he stated.

Craft stated Peabody will engage in a deep cleaning and sanitization process for their rooms.

"We will continue to report resident results as we

have that information," he stated. "As a community, we are working closely with the LCS Risk Management and Health Services Clinical teams, the Wabash County Health Department (and those of surrounding counties), the Indiana State Department of Health and the CDC as we navigate COVID-19. Employees have been provided proper personal protective equipment, according to CDC guidelines, and are screened daily by answering a questionnaire, receiving temperature checks and conducting pulse oximeter readings. We know that COVID-19 can be difficult to contain and highly contagious. In addition, the testing process is new to all of us. We anticipate we will have more positive test results as we continue our proactive testing efforts. However, we remain firm in our belief that this information is one piece of the puzzle that helps us make decisions to protect the health and safety of our community moving forward."

Long-term care facilities being counted

In response to a Plain Dealer request Sunday, April 26, the state's Joint Information Center stated the ISDH only "provides aggregate totals but will not break down cases by the facility."

"As of Tuesday, April 21, 199 long-term care facilities have reported at least one positive case of COVID-19. A total of 993 residents and 575 staff have tested positive. To date, 162 individuals have died," they stated.

During a televised press conference Monday, April 27, Dr. Daniel Rusyniak,

chief medical officer for the Indiana Family and Social Services Agency, said they would begin reporting totals every Monday related to long-term care facilities, the data for which would be collected the previous Friday.

On Monday, April 27, the ISDH reported 1,467 positive long-term care facility resident tests, with 474 of those being new. That's around 2 percent of everyone in the state living long-term care facilities. Those results amount to 10 percent of the state's total positive cases. By that point, there have been 260 deaths in long-term care facilities, 98 of those being new. Long-term care facility deaths amount to 32 percent of the state's total fatalities from the novel virus. In total, 85 facilities reported at least one death, 11 of those being new.

On Monday, May 4, the ISDH reported 2,316 positive long-term care facility resident tests, with 849 of those being new. There have been 420 deaths in long-term care facilities, 160 of those being new. There are now 173 long-term care facilities with at least one positive case, with 25 of those being new. There are now 105 facilities with at least one death, 20 of those being new.

Rusyniak said they were not providing a similar breakdown for staff at these facilities, as some staff members work at multiple places.

Rusyniak said families of long-term care facility residents who have additional questions should email [familyoutreach@isdh.in.gov](#).

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video conferencing for all others," stated Long. "Board of Works, City Attorney, Bev Vanderpool, and media will be allowed in the City Council Chambers for the meeting, Department Heads and all others will attend by video/phone unless required to appear for a hearing. All public, including City Council members, will attend the meeting via video/telephone unless required to appear in person for a hearing. Social distancing will be maintained in the City Council Chambers at all times. City Council meetings will be determined shortly under the same guidelines as Board of Works meetings, possibly held in the Grow Wabash County Board Room which is larger and able to maintain social distancing if I can secure use of the room on the City Council Dates."

Long stated all employees should screen their temperatures before leaving their homes.

"Anyone with but not limited to the following symp-

toms should stay home for two weeks or until cleared by a medical professional: a fever, a cough, sore throat, and/or headache," he stated. Employees who must deal with school closure e-learning and daycare closures will be handled on a case by case basis by the mayor, to maintain work and family life as normal as possible. Department heads who are in charge of employees, housed at City Hall, should discuss any deviation from these guidelines to suit their employees, addressing any underlying health conditions that may put those employees at additional risk. These guidelines/restrictions will be revisited as needed with the goal of being fully open and under normal operations by Monday, July 6, which is the first day of work after the governor's stated goal of "fully opening up the state of Indiana."

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5-Day Weather Summary

Tuesday Few Showers 51 / 42	Wednesday Few Showers 57 / 43	Thursday Mostly Sunny 58 / 40	Friday Partly Cloudy 51 / 36	Saturday Mostly Sunny 53 / 41

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:49 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:39 a.m.

Full 5/7	Last 5/14	New 5/22	First 5/29

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 65% chance of showers, high temperature of 51°, humidity of 55%. East northeast wind 7 to 15 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 65% chance of showers, overnight low of 42°. East wind 3 to 8 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 41°.

Reader wants to bring mom home to stay safe

My mother lives in a retirement home, and I am so worried about her. There have been reports all over the country about the virus infiltrating old folks' homes and killing lots of people. I feel like I should bring my mother home with me, but I'm worried that she might not stay healthy. My husband goes to work outside of the home every day. He practices social distancing to the extent that he can, but he's a contractor, and he works with people. My mother is in her 90s and in fragile health. That's why I want her out of the retirement building, but I'm not sure that my house is safer. How can I figure that out? – Mom's Safety

Harriette Cole Sense & Sensitivity



I don't think she realizes how harsh her comments can be. Even when I stand up for myself, I find that she deflects and throws more punches. How can I get her to be more sensitive to my feelings? She is my friend, and I love her. But I've had enough of her meanness. – Below the Belt

DEAR BELOW THE BELT:

It is time for you to stand up for yourself with this friend. Do not allow her pushiness to silence you. As her friend, you deserve to be treated with greater care. But you have to tell her. You should not assume that she is aware of how her barbs land. Chances are, she thinks the way she communicates is just the way she is, without considering that her

"way" may be abrasive and hurtful to others.

Be prepared to tell her that her words hurt and to give her specific examples so that she cannot wriggle out of the conversation. Stop her when she deflects. Tell her – and punctuate your point with anecdotes – that she hurts your feelings regularly. Ask her to be more sensitive to you. Remind her each time she says something inappropriate. If she refuses to be more mindful, begin to distance yourself from her.

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MAYOR

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he would be extending the closure of Wabash City Hall through 8 a.m. Monday, May 4.

Mayor Long stated they would be open, with the following guidelines and restrictions:

The public will be restricted from entering the building unless they have a pre-arranged appointment and they must wear a face mask when they come into the building.

Employees must wear a mask when interacting with the public also. "I have procured NK-95 masks for all employees of City Hall," stated Long.

Employees must maintain social distancing while at work and take all safety precautions for sanitation e.g. hand washing frequently and use of hand sanitizer.

"We will conduct Board of Works in person with limited in-person attendance and

Obituaries

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David Barry ‘Dyno’ Davis

Aug. 1, 1930 – April 29, 2020

David Barry “Dyno” Davis, age 89, of Wabash, passed away on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at Parkview Wabash Hospital. Mr. Davis was born in Wabash, Indiana on Aug. 1, 1930 to the late James Otto and Thelma Delight (Hart) Davis.

He honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1949-1953 during the Korean War. He married Patricia Mae Porter in 1954 and she preceded him in death in 2009. David was employed with Honeywell and Markhon Industries in Wabash. He was a member of the N.R.A. and Wabash American Legion.

Survivors include: Daughter, Kathleen Mills of Russiaville Son, Timothy and Lisa Davis of Andrews Son, Ross Davis of Wabash

8 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and brother, James Davis.

A graveside funeral service with military honors will take place Monday, May 4, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at Friends Cemetery, Millcreek Pike, Wabash, Indiana with a gathering of family and friends at 1 p.m. prior to the service. Arrangements by Northern Indiana Funeral Care.



Mary E. ‘Dolly’ Hubbard

Mary E. “Dolly” Hubbard, 84, of Wabash, passed away at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at Vernon Health and Rehab in Wabash.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at Friends Cemetery in Wabash. Pastor Danny Honeycutt will be the officiant.

Arrangements have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Ave., Wabash, Indiana 46992.

We encourage you to give the family your love and support by visiting our website at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com. The family would appreciate your kind words, memories of Dolly and prayers for them.

DO JUST ONE THING

By DANNY SEO

Give yourself glowing skin with some easy one-ingredient beauty treatments, using things in your own kitchen. Dab some apple cider vinegar on your skin with a cotton ball; the mild acid acts like an exfoliant.

Wait 5 minutes and rinse off with water. A small amount of coarse sea salt can be used on a wet scalp to exfoliate, absorb excess oil and leave behind a beachy look; just gently rub and rinse out. And coconut oil can be a natural makeup remover when you need something in a pinch.

UPDATE

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individuals who have symptoms and are in a high-risk category due to age, weight or underlying health conditions, and those who live in the same residence as one of the priority categories. Participants should bring a driver’s license or another state-issued identification card. Tests will be conducted as long as supplies last and will be limited to one individual per vehicle,” stated the ISDH.

- Testing sites include:
- East Chicago: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. CDT Tuesday, May 5 at East Chicago Central High School, 1100 W. Columbus Drive.
 - Lafayette: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 to Saturday, May 9 at Jefferson High School, 1801 S. 18th St.
 - New Castle: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 to Saturday, May 9 at First Baptist Church, 709 S. Memorial Drive.
 - Plymouth: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 to Saturday, May 9 at Plymouth High School, #1 Big Red Drive.
 - Seymour: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 to Saturday, May 9 at Seymour High School, 1350 W. Second St.

Statewide figures

On Monday, the ISDH announced that 583 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 20,507 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following

corrections to the previous day’s total.

While the number of cases has increased, intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remain steady. As of Monday, 45.5 percent of ICU beds and 80.5 percent of ventilators were available at hospitals throughout the state.

A total of 1,151 Hoosiers have been confirmed to have died of COVID-19, an increase of 19 over the previous day. Another 113 probable deaths have been reported, a decrease of one from Sunday to remove a duplication. Probable deaths are those for which a physician listed COVID-19 as a contributing cause based on X-rays, scans and other clinical symptoms but for which no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 113,297 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 108,859 on Sunday.

Marion County had the most new cases, at 154. Other counties with more than 10 new cases were Allen (46), Carroll (15), Cass (78), Elkhart (13), Hamilton (21), Hendricks (10), Howard (11), Johnson (12), Lake (61), Madison (11), St. Joseph (10), Steuben (15), Tippecanoe (29) and White (14). The Lake County totals include results from East Chicago and Gary, which have their own health departments.

Visit the ISDH COVID-19 dashboard at coronavirus.in.gov for additional information on cases. The dashboard will be updated at noon daily. All cases are listed by county of residence.

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State readies PPE marketplace to support Hoosier small businesses

The system is expected to launch this week

STAFF REPORT

On Friday, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb announced a new marketplace for personal protective equipment (PPE) that will serve as an added resource for Indiana small businesses returning to work in the coming weeks, according to a press release.

The Indiana Small Business PPE Marketplace, which is expected to launch this week, will ensure reliable access to PPE for small businesses and non-profits lacking the resources needed to comply with safe workplace guidance during the reopening.

The Marketplace, developed by the Indiana Economic Development

Corporation (IEDC) in partnership with the Indiana Small Business Development Center and the Indiana Office of Technology, will leverage PPE that is being manufactured and sourced by Indiana businesses across the state to help support supplies.

To be eligible to utilize the Marketplace, an organization must:

- Be a business or non-profit organization registered to do business in Indiana with the Indiana Secretary of State;
- Employ less than 150 associates; and
- Be identified in the reopening plan as an entity that must use PPE as a condition of operating to com-

ply with safe workplace requirements.

“All businesses and non-profits are encouraged to the first source and procure PPE on their own with the Marketplace serving as an alternate backstop for employers. While the state will make every effort to provide needed supplies, it cannot guarantee the integrity of the PPE supply chain due to increasing demands worldwide. All requests will be evaluated and fulfilled based on the work environment risk profile, stock availability, and the number of outstanding requests. At times, partial or delayed fulfillment of requests may occur,” stated the release.

“The Indiana Small Business PPE Marketplace is another step forward for the IEDC, which has been working to secure PPE for the state’s hospitals, first responders, long-term care facilities and healthcare providers treating COVID-19 patients. To date, the state has secured commitments for more than 7.84 million pieces of PPE – up from 6.3 million reported last week – with more than 2 million items already delivered to the Indiana State Department of Health for distribution.”

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, Indiana is home to approximately 104,335 small businesses that employ 941,578 Hoosiers across the state.

For more information, visit www.isbdc.org/indiana/covid19smallbusiness.

COVID-19-related business resources available

STAFF REPORT

City, Grow Wabash County to award OCRA grants to local employers

The city of Wabash, in partnership with Grow Wabash County, has been selected to receive \$250,000 each in economic development grant funds from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) to help support businesses in Wabash in need of short-term financial assistance. Through OCRA’s COVID-19 Response Program, Wabash and North Manchester will be allowed to award grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$15,000 to Wabash businesses that are retaining low- to moderate-income (LMI) jobs during the COVID-19 restrictions. Businesses that employ a workforce consisting of 51 percent or more of LMI jobs are eligible to receive these funds for specific uses such as working capital, expenses incurred by continuing operations and/or expenses incurred by transitioning the workforce to working remotely. The applicants will also need to provide proof that they do have the necessary percentage of LMI jobs being retained. Awards will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Eligible businesses for the city of Wabash can apply online at www.growwabashcounty.com/COVID19grant. Questions regarding the application process or an employer’s eligibility may be directed to Grow Wabash County by calling 260-563-5258 or by emailing info@growwabashcounty.com.

make arrangements by calling 260-481-0500. After the quarantine has lifted in Indiana, Shie and Wunderlich will host in-person appointments every third Thursday of the month at the Grow Wabash County office, 214 S. Wabash St. Learn more about these free business consultations and other entrepreneurship supports offered through Grow Wabash County at growwabashcounty.com/entrepreneurship. For more information, visit <https://isbdc.org/services/>.

Hotline open for businesses, industries with COVID-19 questions

The Critical Industries Hotline will be reachable by calling 877-820-0890 or by emailing covidresponse@iedc.in.gov.

Grow Wabash County launches COVID-19 business impact survey

Grow Wabash County created a survey in partnership with several local organizations to collect information to gauge the local impact to all of our business community. The survey may be found by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/vsvmv4b>.

Wabash Marketplace announces Business Interruption Loan

Members of Wabash Marketplace man apply for the Business Interruption Loan. There are no application fees and the loan offers up to \$5,000 for a maximum term of 24 months. Those interested in the loan program are encouraged to review the loan details on the homepage of www.wabashmarketplace.org. The next step is to email info@WabashMarketplace.org or leave a message at 260-563-0975.

T-shirts to benefit small businesses, individuals

Individuals will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive T-shirt online and 100 percent of the proceeds will be used to help struggling small businesses and individuals in Wabash County. Visit Wabash County has

partnered with a local company, Spirit Wear, to offer a unisex T-shirt in sizes Small to 4XL to promote the slogan “Better Together.”

Four colors will be offered: vintage black, rust, deep teal and fuchsia. The tees are just \$20 each, including tax and shipping. To purchase a “Better Together” Wabash County T-shirt, please visit www.visitwabashcounty.com or visit the Visit Wabash County Facebook page. The T-shirts will be shipped directly to the provided address.

SBA offers small businesses financial assistance

Small businesses are eligible for financial assistance under the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program for small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in Indiana. To apply for loans, visit SBA.gov/Disaster. Contact 800-659-2955 or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov with questions. The deadline to apply is Dec. 18.

Grow Wabash County ready to help businesses, nonprofits

Businesses and nonprofits with questions may email info@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/contact-us/covid-19-resources/.

Businesses may register for ‘Curb-Side Pick Up’ for free

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Wabash Marketplace donations of \$250+ to be applied to others in need

Any donations of \$250 or more will be applied towards 2020 membership dues for nonprofits and small businesses in need. For more information, visit <https://www.wabashmarketplace.org/online-payments.html>.

FRAUD

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banking information or to distribute malware.”

Thomas stated the BBB urges consumers to examine online free trial offers carefully and resist being swayed by the phony use of a well-known name.

“Always report free trial offer scams to BBB Scam Tracker and financial losses to your credit card companies. After a BBB free trial offer study released in December 2019, Mastercard and Visa issued new policies to

increase transparency for free trial offers,” stated Thomas.

BBB offers the following tips for online shoppers to avoid being scammed:

- Buy from reputable retailers. When shopping online, especially for high demand products like face masks, only purchase from businesses you know and trust. Be sure to review the company’s business profile at BBB.org to see what experiences other consumers have had with them.
- Confirm the business’s contact information. If you are unfamiliar with a seemingly legitimate company, check to see their contact information is valid. Incorrect email addresses and

defunct customer service numbers can be indicators of an untrustworthy business.

- Pay carefully. Credit cards are generally the safest way to pay for online purchases. If a problem occurs, you can contact your credit card company to dispute the charges. Look for the lock icon next to the website’s URL to confirm the site is secure before sharing your personal or credit card information.

If you fall victim to a scam, whether you’ve lost money or not, report it to us at BBB.org/scamtracker and the Indiana Attorney General’s Office at in.gov/attorneygeneral.

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How to contact
your legislators:

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

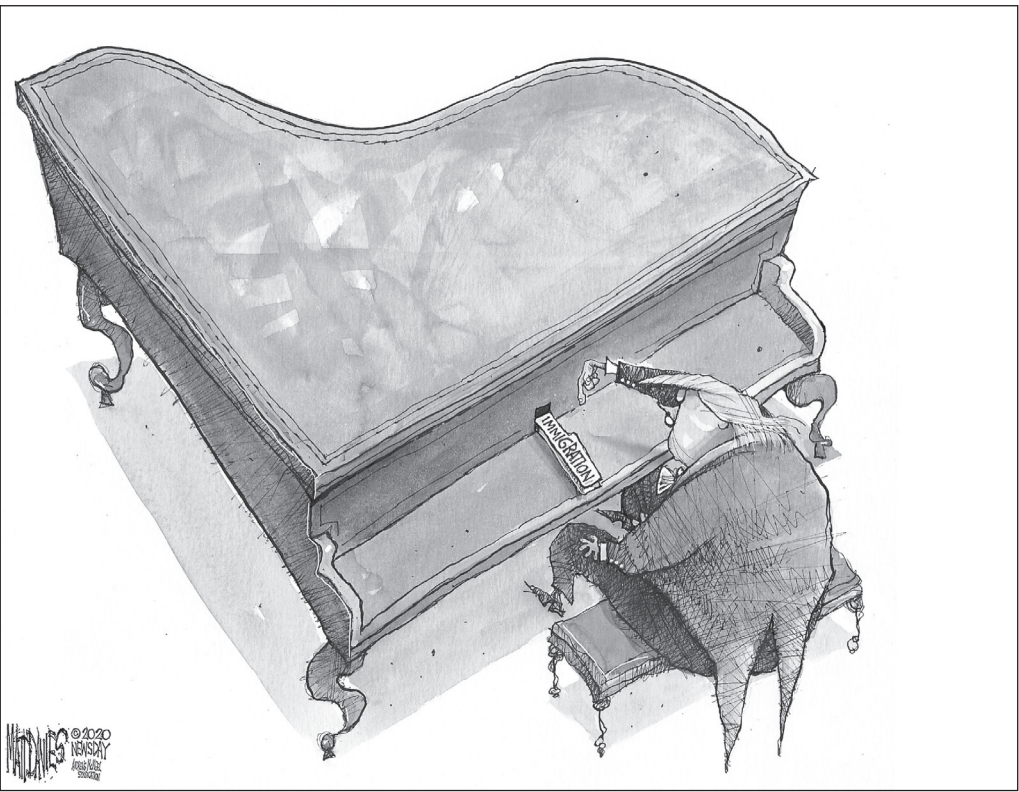
Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedeal.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

- Hebrews 10:24-25



A bailout that doesn't bail out

Some Indiana mom-and-pops left with nothing, shut out by the mad dash for federal cash

By MARGARET MENGE

What if the government decided to give a massive amount of money to small businesses to help them survive a pandemic but forgot to include anything to make sure the money was really going to businesses that needed it?

It would seem like a fairly big oversight. But that is what has happened.

Through the CARES Act, the federal government set up two stimulus programs – the Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance (EIDL).

The purpose of the PPP was to keep Americans employed – to give employers enough money to keep paying employees. The maximum loan amount is \$10 million.

The second, the EIDL, was intended to provide a quick \$10,000 to business owners to keep them afloat. By law, they were supposed to get the money in three days.

But neither application asked business owners to demonstrate that they needed the money, and neither asked whether the business had closed due to the pandemic.

Take, for example, a pizza chain in Bloomington called Pizza X. They have five locations, and none have dining rooms. They're carry-out and delivery only, so all have remained open. But the owner, Jeff Mease, still applied for a PPP loan (free money, as the loan will be forgiven, in most cases) and got it. Mease announced on Facebook that he was giving his staff a 75 percent raise, so it seems evident that the PPP loan was extra money, not needed to fund the business and keep people on the payroll. (His company also owns a popular restaurant in town called Lennie's, but those employees were all furloughed.)

Jason Arp, a city councilman in Fort Wayne and former banker who now owns and manages several properties – office, retail and apartments – said his accountant came to him early on and asked if he wanted to apply for the PPP.

"I said, 'I don't think I really need it.' He said, 'I don't think they're looking at that,'" he told The Indiana Policy Review.

Arp says he decided not to apply as he hasn't been affected: All of his tenants are still paying rent.

The owner of a manufacturing firm in Indianapolis that wasn't shut down, had a strong March and is looking to hire three more employees, applied for the PPP through the National Bank of Indianapolis and got \$1.5 million. Lee Crannell, president of Precision Rings, Inc. says he's never taken anything from the government before, but decided to this time after careful consideration.

"As we discussed it, we felt

that we needed to apply for it, just not knowing what was coming down the road," he says.

Many Americans would be surprised to learn that even businesses that are earning higher profits during the pandemic, like gun stores, can get PPP and EIDL money.

"I have a friend who owns a gun store, and he had the best month he's ever had," says Arp. "And the bank called him and said, 'Hey, if you want to borrow some money real cheap, now's the time to do it.' And so he got as much as he could from it."

The PPP had \$349 billion in funding, with businesses with 500 employees or fewer able to request 2.5 times their monthly payroll. In fact, the total amount of the request automatically populated on applications when an applicant filled in their monthly payroll. And as long as the money would be used for payroll, rent, mortgage and utilities, it doesn't need to be paid back. It's just . . . free money.

But many businesses were shut out – many that needed it the most.

William Ellis is the Monroe County GOP chairman and the co-owner of a small antique store in Bloomington. The store, called U'sta B New, is a so-called "non-essential business" so was forced to close in March. He also has a business selling things on Amazon, but it ground to a sudden halt in March as Amazon stopped incoming shipments of products that weren't food or essential supplies.

He applied for the EIDL on March 22 to get a quick chunk of money to stay afloat, filling out the application on the Small Business Administration's website.

He's heard nothing back and has gotten no money. He says he'll soon be two months behind on rent.

The SBA announced on April 16 that the EIDL had run out of money, and though it's being re-funded, it seems unlikely the new round of funding will be enough to help everyone (how could it be?) and stop a wave of small-business failures.

"From a political standpoint, at some point, this is going to cost Republicans more than anything else, because their base is getting screwed over," Ellis said.

Charlene Marsh, an artist in Brown County, applied for the EIDL on March 30, and filled out a second application on April 1 as she wasn't sure the first one went through.

She got an e-mail confirmation showing that she had applied, but that's it.

"I haven't gotten anything since. Absolutely, nothing," she says.

For both Ellis and Marsh, the funding would have been minimal as the SBA limited the amount a business owner could receive to \$1,000 per employee, and both are sole proprietors, so only would have been eligible to receive \$1,000 – not the \$10,000 specified in the law.

Marsh is a professional landscape painter who has sold her paintings at art shows for 20 years, traveling to shows almost every weekend in the

warmer months. But all of those shows have been canceled. She was transitioning to doing wedding paintings and had several weddings lined up. She was going to make about \$2,600 on each. But most summer weddings have been canceled.

"Even two weddings a month would have been \$5,200, so I'm bummed. Believe me, I'm bummed," she told the IPR.

The shutdown of the art show circuit and weddings have left her with just online sales of paintings, coffee mugs and other items.

"Right now, I'm just in limbo," she says, adding that she's worried about survival going forward. "That's my biggest fear, is I just don't want to lose my property."

Neither Ellis nor Marsh could initially apply for the PPP, as they don't have employees.

On April 10, the program was opened up to sole proprietors, freelancers, independent contractors and gig workers, but like the EIDL, the program ran out of money on April 16. Few if any sole proprietors, which could be considered the real "mom-and-pop businesses," got funding.

Long-time Cincinnati congressman Steve Chabot is the ranking Republican on the House Small Business Committee. But his staffers declined all requests this week to talk about the CARES Act.

One obvious question is why there was no requirement written into the law that businesses show or at least attest under some penalty that they'd suffered losses because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Another is why sole proprietors were not eligible initially to apply for PPP funding. Aren't these the most vulnerable businesses? The real mom and pops?

A third is why the PPP was set up so that banks would have an enormous incentive to help larger companies over much smaller companies.

All applications for PPP funding had to be through banks and a handful of other companies like Intuit.

Banks got a 5 percent fee for loans up to \$350,000, 3 percent for loans up to \$2 million and 1 percent for loans \$2 million to \$10 million.

So a bank that processes a \$20,000 loan earns a fee of \$1,000.

But a bank that processes a \$10 million loan earns a fee of \$100,000.

Is it any surprise that banks would prioritize customers requesting \$10 million loans over those requesting \$20,000 loans, as the lawsuit filed this week in federal court in Los Angeles against Bank of America claims they did?

It's not. Not at all.

Lending Tree, the online mortgage company, surveyed 1,260 small businesses around the country April 16-19 and found that about 60 percent had applied for a PPP loan but that only 5 percent of those that applied had been approved. The survey also showed that 58 percent of entrepreneurs have laid off employees because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Margaret Menge is a veteran journalist now residing in Bloomington.

With coronavirus still rocking, the reopening states are rolling blindly

As April turns to May, there's a hint of optimism – or maybe delirium – in the air about the coronavirus pandemic.

An antiviral drug showed promise in a clinical trial as a COVID-19 treatment. President Donald Trump opted to not extend federal social distancing guidelines that ended Thursday. And states have been rolling out plans to reopen certain businesses.

Even the stock market has been on a run. As of Thursday, the S&P 500 was down less than 10 percent for the past year, even though more than 30 million people have filed unemployment claims in the past six weeks. Jared Kushner, the president's adviser and son-in-law, predicted the economy will be "rocking" by July.

It would be terrific if this nation really were turning the corner. But a push for rapid reopening is premature.

As of Thursday, only Rhode Island and West Virginia had satisfactory levels of testing. And it does not appear as if any state had seen the trend that a federal task force said is vital – a decline in new cases lasting at least two weeks – though some have claimed to.

The figures vary greatly from state to state. And some of the persistently high numbers might be the result of increased testing, which finds cases that previously went unreported.

Even so, there's not much in the trends to warrant dramatic relaxation in the near term. Too hasty a reaction could trigger a second wave of infections that worsens the overall health toll and extends the economic impact of the pandemic.

There have already been some second waves overseas. Hokkaido, the big northern island of Japan, was one of the first places in the world to take action and by late March was declaring victory. It has had to reverse course and reimpose some of its social distancing policies. Germany, hailed as one of the planet's biggest successes, is reevaluating its situation after an uptick in new cases.

Several states, most of which are Republican in orientation, have already begun some openings of stores, small businesses and public facilities. Most of these states were simply fortunate in avoiding the worst of the first wave. At least one – Minnesota – has seen a substantial uptick in cases even as some nonessential businesses have been allowed to reopen.

Most other states have plans in place that range from an imminent reopening of the economy to sets of standards and thresholds that will guide upcoming relaxations in policy. But the simple fact is that the states and the federal government are still flying blind in a number of important respects:

■ They don't know how many people have been infected but don't show up in the data. Without that, they don't have a firm grasp on the mortality rate of COVID-19.

■ They don't know to what degree, if at all, people who've had COVID-19 are immune from it in the future. And if they are immune, how long they remain that way.

■ They are still well behind other developed nations in their ability to do widespread testing to identify sick people, isolate them and figure out who've they been in contact with.

With a vaccine or cure many months away, at best, we are seeing a keen desire to pick out the positive data points and weave them into a narrative that justifies opening businesses, buying stocks and generally being upbeat about where things will be later this year and next.

Now is not the time for irrational exuberance. Now is not the time to declare victory. Now is the time to proceed with caution, with our eyes wide open to the difficult trade-offs and risks that lurk ahead.

— This editorial was first published in USA Today.

LETTER

Exterminate the invisible enemy

We have been told we are at war with the infamous invisible coronavirus. But so far, all we see, is that we are trying to save those already infected or wounded, which is, of course, a very important part of all wars.

But, we are not seeing a massive effort to kill the enemy before it enters the human body.

News on television have shown massive spraying against coronavirus in cities, by other nations, but we have not seen that done in America.

In war, the objective is to, "kill the enemy before he kills you."

And obviously, this extremely dangerous enemy needs to be killed before it enters the human body.

Yet, we do not see much visible evidence that this country is on the attack against this murderous virus.

This invisible enemy could be anywhere since it has been spreading around the world.

Our super-smart human race has been playing with it in laboratories, growing it.

To make it worse, our tax dollars paid for it.

This enemy has already taken more than 58,000 precious lives in America.

Wake up, America.

It is time to attack, and eradicate this menace everywhere.

In doing so, we should take all safety precautions, of course, in trying to exterminate this enemy in our homes, our vehicles, all business, offices, public buildings and everywhere else.

Manuel Ybarra, Jr.
Coalgate, Oklahoma

Weight loss frees woman from mind-numbing drugs

DEAR ABBY: I had weight-loss surgery a year ago. I'm now off all medications (high blood pressure, antidepressants, etc.) and take only one multivitamin daily. I feel like I'm 25 again. However, I have also changed mentally. After many years of being a zombie on antidepressants, I feel like I have finally "awakened."

Dear Abby



I come from a dysfunctional, abusive childhood. My father abused my mother. I was diagnosed with dysthymia years ago, and I feel the diagnosis was correct. I now feel my dysthymia has turned more into anxiety than depression. I'm no longer afraid of speaking up and, after 20 years, I actually have opinions of my own.

Needless to say, my family (husband, grown children and in-laws) are not used to this side of me. I find myself feeling resentful, anxious and envious of certain immediate family and in-law family dynamics now. I don't want to upset my family by being so vocal and opinionated, but I don't want to get back on mind-altering prescriptions either. I also have little faith that counseling will do much good. I'm afraid I'll be pushed into taking meds again. I feel like I'm between a rock and a hard place right now. Any advice? — A Tough Spot In North Carolina

DEAR TOUGH SPOT: Keeping in mind that no one can force you back on medications if you don't want them, I do think you could benefit from talking with a licensed mental health professional about this. You have made major changes in your life, and are no longer the person you were when you were prescribed the medications that made you feel like a zombie. A mental health professional can help you to sort out whether you have a problem or whether your family members do in dealing with the new you.

DEAR ABBY: In the future when I am able, I would like to travel with a mix of single and married ladies. I'm in a committed relationship, and when I discussed this with my partner, we had a difference of opinion.

She believes that happy individuals in committed relationships do not travel with other people. She believes happy couples should travel together and not independently. Is that controlling? I have traveled independently in prior committed relationships, and this has never been an issue.

Should I honor her request or deny it? She is pushing me to respect this rule and says it applies to her as well because she believes "females" let loose when they are away from their significant others. I get the distinct feeling that if I travel independently, there will be an emotional price to pay, or she will do something in my absence that will change the dynamics of our relationship. — Love Or Control

DEAR LOVE: There are already issues that will change the dynamics of your relationship — your partner's insecurity and need to control, and your need for some freedom. Unless you are laying down "rules" for her to follow as she is trying to do to you, step back and take a second look at this relationship. Healthy people who love each other want their partner to be happy and fulfilled whether they are together or apart. This takes trust, self-confidence and courage. Rather than the wind beneath your wings, it appears your partner may be more of an anchor.

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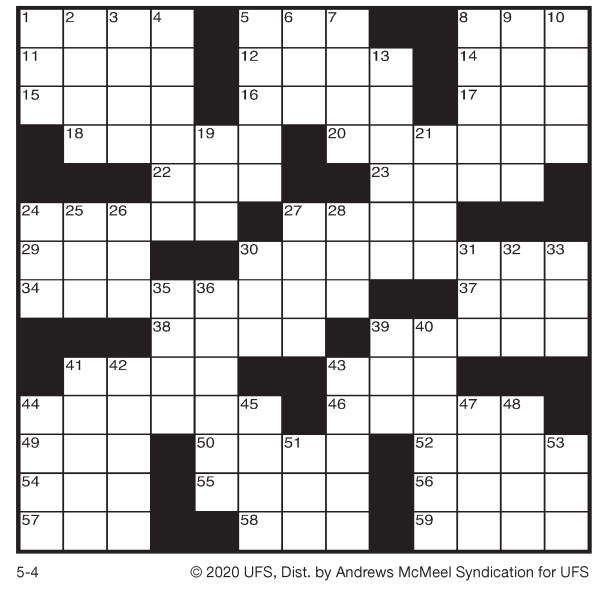
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Saturday's Jumbles: VENUE ROUGH SMUGLY PAPAYA
Answer: Mount Everest tops out at 29,029 feet, making it hard for other mountains to — MEASURE UP

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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(Answers tomorrow)

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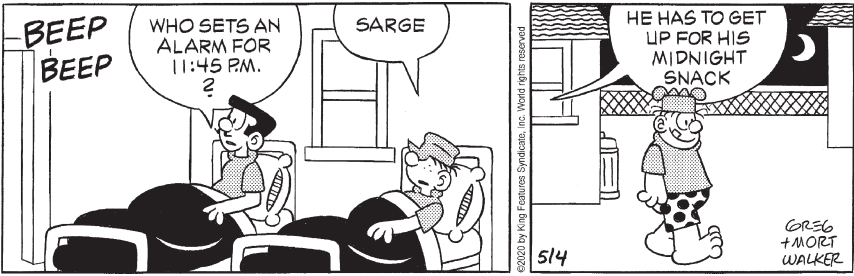
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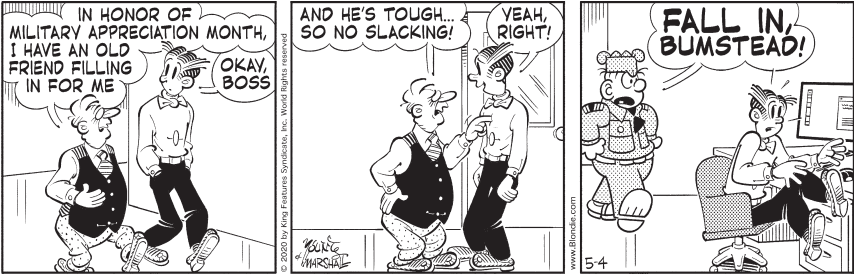
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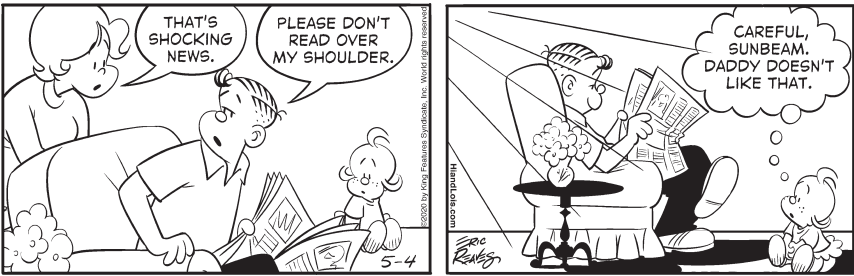
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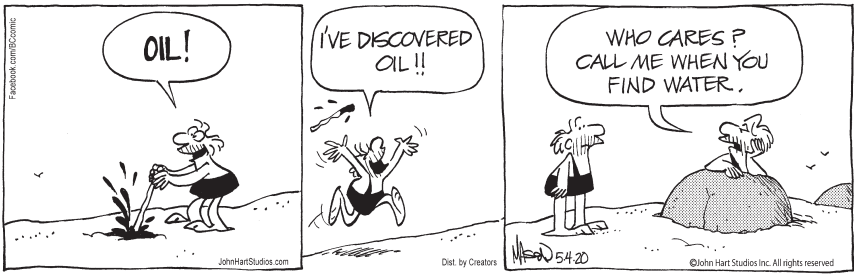
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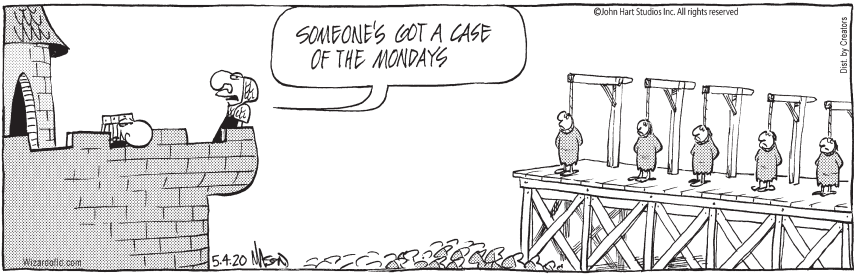
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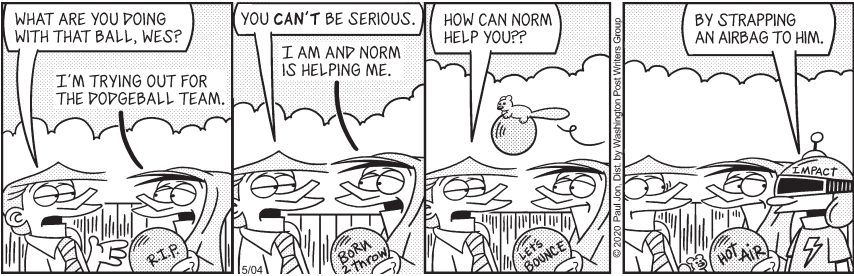
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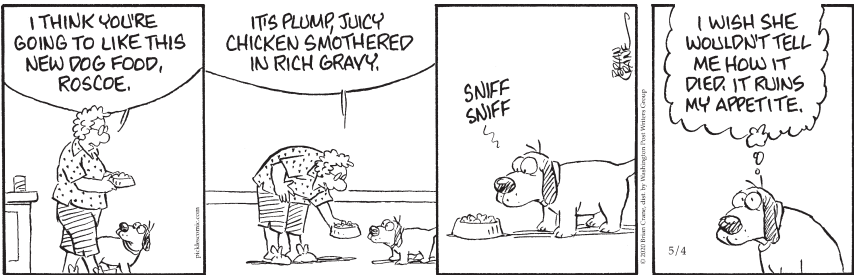
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This world is not the way God meant it to be

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Never in my lifetime has the world experienced the enormous fallout of a pandemic like the coronavirus. I've never heard so many personal friends talk about fear like this. How do we find hope in such grim times? — V.S.

A: The hearts of mankind fail us when fear takes over. An international news outlet carried reports about the fears that grip nations due to outbreaks like killer viruses — pandemics that often bring about economic chaos. Such accounts seem to be bound in hopelessness because people look to governments, world leaders, and others to fix the problems instead of looking to God.

The Bible says, "Your

word is my source of hope" (Psalm 119:114, NLT). Jesus Christ wants to give us hope today and for the future. He wants us to learn what it means to trust Him and walk with Him every day regardless of the circumstances of life. He wants us to trust Him for every breath, every decision, and every step we take. Faith in Him points us beyond our problems as we open our hearts to Him.

The world today desperately hungers for hope, and yet uncounted people have almost given up. Our hope

cannot rest in this world for it cannot solve man's problems. Like a deadly virus, sin has infected everything, not only the human race, but all creation.

This world is not the way God meant it to be, and neither are we. But this isn't the end of the story. How hopeless life would be if it were — but it isn't, because God has provided the cure, and that is to trust in Him by surrendering completely to Him and receiving His wonderful salvation. This is the only hope that brings true life.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"BEFFEC KIY OYFFEC NGXSM GELV ...
OED'GY EBB KE TTY KIY CXJLGV / KIY
CEAVYGBDF CXJLGV EB EJ."
— I. LGFYA & Y. ILGNDGW

Previous Solution: "No matter how good you get, you can always get better, and that's the exciting part." — Tiger Woods

TODAY'S CLUE: H sjenbe I

Churlish customers make life even more stressful for clerk

DEAR ABBY: I work in the deli department of a grocery store and have been struggling lately. With everything that is going on, people are overwhelmed and have been taking it out on us. I asked one person, “How are you doing today?” The response I got was, “I’m not interested in conversation. Just feed me!” Another who came to the register didn’t utter a single word except to exclaim, when I offered her a bottle opener for her soda, “I’ve got it!” Then she snatched her change out of my hand. I don’t even get the brunt of it; the cashiers have to handle the worst of it. We employees are stressed out about the same things everyone else is. We are struggling to get the same products everyone else is searching desperately for. I had to shop at five different stores to get what I need and still haven’t found many things.

Between the stress of the virus and the stress of being treated so rudely, my mental health is running low. I have struggled on and off with depression and anxiety, and many of my coping methods are unavailable to me due to closures. Could you please remind your readers that we are all in the same boat and need to be kind to one another, and direct those of us who are struggling emotionally to resources we can access during this time of panic? – Struggling In Retail

DEAR STRUGGLING: I agree that many people react badly when under stress, as the customers you described have done. But many others respect and appreciate the efforts you and so many others in the food supply chain make every day – at some risk to your own health. I am one of them.

Because you have had issues with depression and anxiety in the past, consider contacting the therapist you worked with and ask if the person is doing online sessions. These days, many of them are. Just talking with someone – friends or like-minded co-workers – about what you are experiencing could bring some relief.

However, if that isn’t possible, consider exploring whether there are online support groups for retail workers such as you. If there aren’t, consider starting one so you and others can exchange ideas about coping with these extremely stressful circumstances in which we all find ourselves.

DEAR ABBY: My husband loves our cat too much. He buys “Miss Kitty” special treats, pets her, talks nicely to her, plants quick kisses on the top of her head and lets her sit on his lap while he watches TV for hours. It’s like I’m nonexistent. I wish he would be that nice to me.

He’s a good provider and, when we are away from the house, I have his full attention. I’m resenting this queen of our home. What should I do? I’d like to take her back to the animal shelter. It was my sorry idea to adopt her. – In Second Place

DEAR SECOND PLACE: My first suggestion is to find reasons to spend more time with your husband away from the house. The second would be to adopt a dog. And if you do, make sure YOU are the one who feeds and walks it, unless your husband has such an affinity for pets that adopting another one isn’t worth the risk.

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1 Poet's black

5 Dazzle

8 Hired car

11 Type size

12 Alias ltrs.

13 With, to Henri

15 One with a cause

17 Matador's foe

18 Library abbr.

19 Slot site

21 At an angle

24 Quiet sound

25 Computer key

26 The "merry month"

27 Dairy bar order

30 Mean person

32 Heifer's hello

33 Applied henna

37 Chair or bench

38 Wiretap

39 Racehorse parent

40 Debutante's bow

43 Links org.

44 Pen part

47 Lawyer's thing

48 Actor — Welles

50 Put down a rug

52 Caustic solution

53 Ship's bottom

54 Travel stops

59 Fencer's blade

60 Abby's sister

61 Sheik colleague

62 NFL scores

63 Jazz instrument, for short

64 Carries

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2 Razor brand

3 World Series mo.

4 Easily duped

5 Mournful cry

6 Approves

7 Four-footed sentries

8 Broadway musical

9 Keep away from

10 European capital

14 Aloof

16 Commitments

20 Just as I thought!

21 Singer — Tori

22 Prudent

23 Actress — Sedgwick

24 Pigs' noses

28 Rain gear

29 Bradley and McBain

31 And so on

34 Puppy noises

35 Reasoner's word

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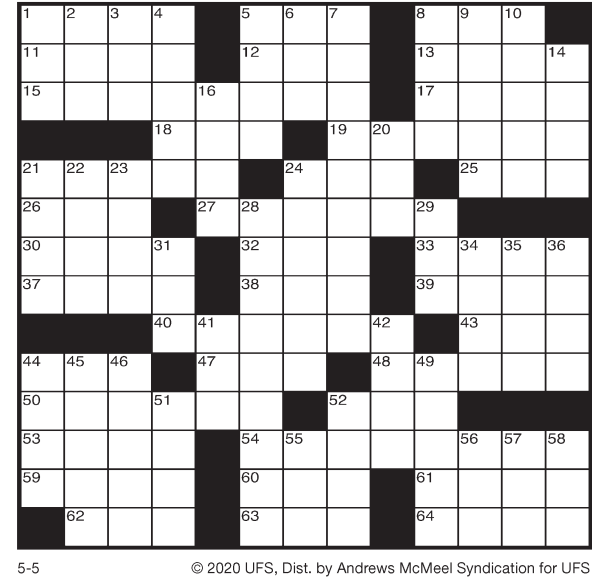
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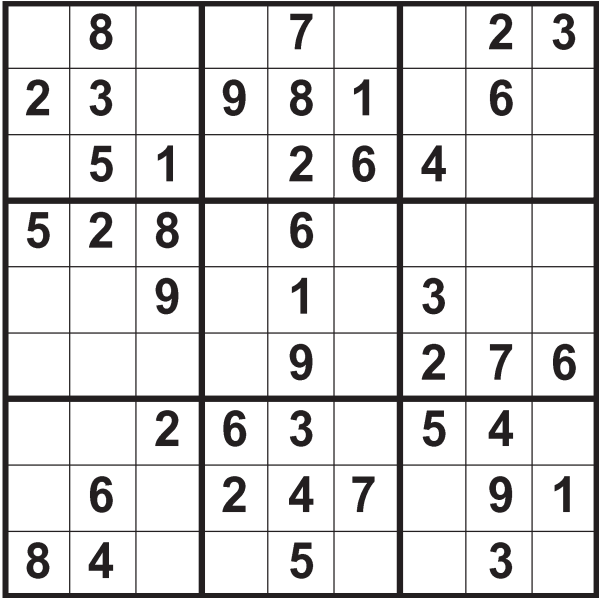
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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4	3	5	6	2	1	8	9	7
1	7	9	8	3	5	2	4	6
8	1	2	9	6	4	5	7	3
7	5	4	2	1	3	6	8	9
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3	8	6	5	9	7	4	1	2
5	2	7	1	4	6	9	3	8
9	4	1	3	8	2	7	6	5

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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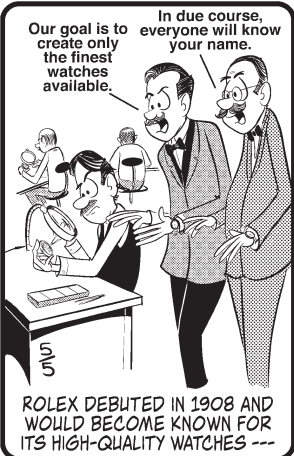
Yesterdays

Jumbles: WAVER WALTZ HOBNOB NATIVE

Answer: The starting pitcher argued against being replaced and didn't want to — THROW IN THE TOWEL

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

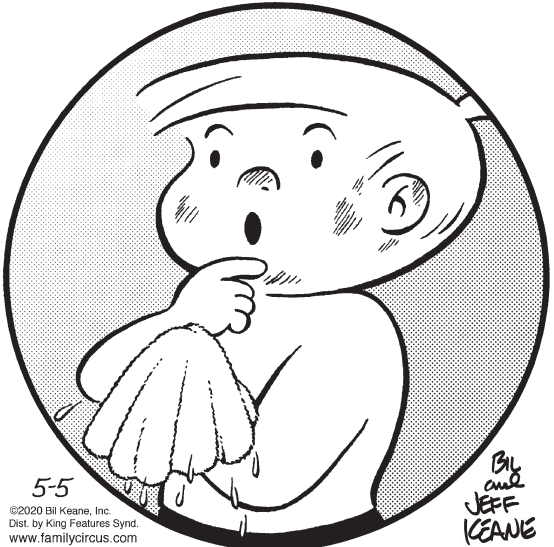


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

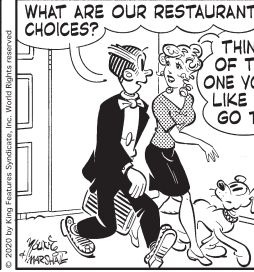
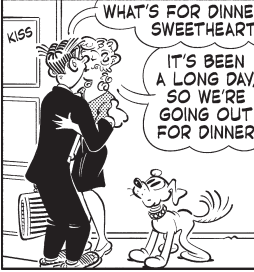


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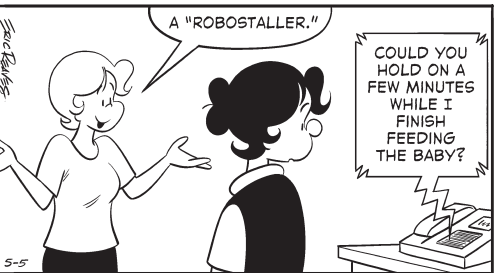
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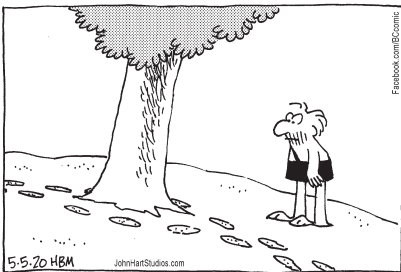
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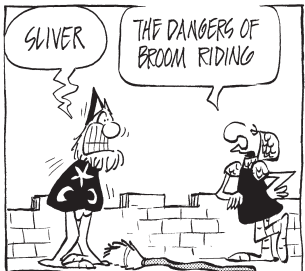
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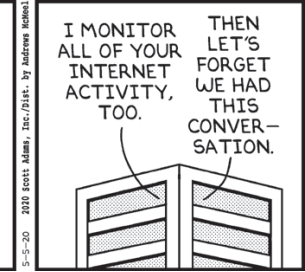
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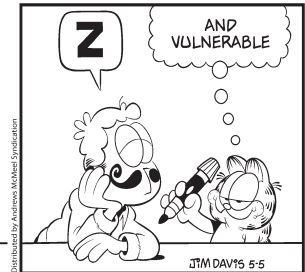
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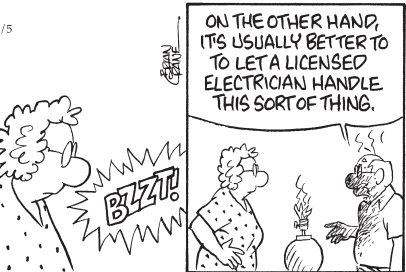
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PICKLES



We live in a world of unending conflict

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Just listening to the news daily causes me great stress. Even in my own life there is conflict at every turn. What causes conflict and will it ever be resolved? — C.P.

A: We live in a world of unending conflict. Lawlessness is in conflict with the law. Intrigue and dishonesty are in conflict with truth and honesty. Intolerance is at odds with tolerance and understanding. Disorder is at war with decency and order. As long as sin exists, conflict will continue to rage.

The Bible mentions three enemies that bring about conflict: the world, the flesh and the devil. They combine to form a powerful foe to defeat mankind, but God is still in control, working in the lives

of people.

Worldliness is an attitude of the soul, never lifted upward in recognition of God. Its gaze is manward — never Godward. It's a materialistic, sensual view of life, centering its attention on gratification of human appetites and desires, completely blind to the things of God. This is why the Bible says, "Do not love the world or the things in the world" (1 John 2:15).

The second enemy is the flesh which speaks of sin's nature. The apostle Peter wrote: "I beg you... abstain

from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). But there's hope, because when Christ died on the cross for man's sin, He made the nature of sin inoperative by offering us forgiveness and salvation (Romans 6:11).

The third enemy is the devil, the commander-in-chief of the powers of evil. He accuses, tempts, deceives and lies, working through his allies — the world and the flesh.

But we can know peace even in the midst of conflict if we turn to the God of peace, Jesus Christ.

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by Luis Campos

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Previous Solution: "Follow the yellow brick road ... You're off to see the Wizard / The wonderful Wizard of Oz." — H. Arlen & E. Harburg

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